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SUBJ: POLITICAL REACTION TO REPLACEMENT OF GENERAL ANAYA

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1. VIRTUALLY ALL OPPOSITION PARTIES HAVE BEEN CRITICAL OF GOA'S DECISION TO REPLACE LT. GENERAL ANAYA AS COMMANDING GENERAL OF THE ARMY. MOST CRITICAL OF ALL HAS BEEN THE UCR. BALBIN STATED PUBLICLY THAT HE STRONGLY DISAGREED WITH THE MOVE, AND THE UCR BLOC IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES ASKED FOR A FULL EXPLANATION, INCLUDING INFORMATION AS TO SPECIFIC ISSUES ON WHICH ANAYA AND SAVINO HAD DISAGREED. THEY ARE, OF COURSE, UNLIKELY TO GET ANY EXPLANATION. OPPOSITION PARTIES IN THE SENATE INITIATED MOVE TO INTERPOLATE DEFENSE MINISTER SAVINO. FREJULI BLOC LEADER MARTIARENA WAS ABLE TO HEAD THIS OFF, HOWEVER, BY SENDING IT TO COMMITTEE, WHERE IT WILL DOUBTLESS BE KILLED.

2. REACTION OF OPPOSITION PARTIES, ESPECIALLY OF UCR, WAS TO BE EXPECTED. WELL INFORMED COLUMINIST MARIANO GRONDONA POINTED OUT IN MAY 17 EDITION OF LA OPINION THAT WHILE BOTH ANAYA AND LAPLANE WERE CONSTITUTIONALISTS, IN THAT BOTH VOWED TO SUPPORT UNSWERVINGLY THE CIVILIAN AUTHORITIES, ANAYA HAD LEANED IN FAVOR OF THESUCR WHILE LAPLANE LEANED

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IN FAVOR OF THE GOVERNMENT. HENCE, APPOINTMENT OF LAPLANE

WAS A NET LOSS FOR THE UCR.
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